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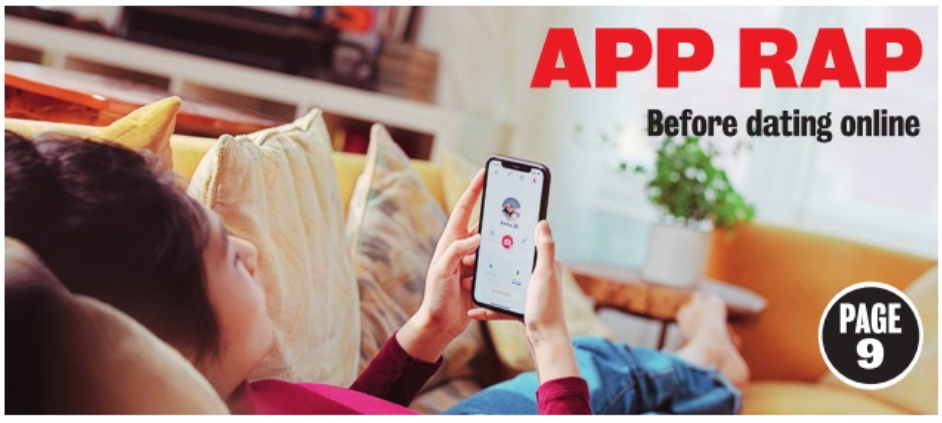

City sees rise in child abduction; most kidnapping cases registered of children between 12 and 16 years of age

5,189 children went missing last year in Karnataka

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Twenty-two children went missing in the past 24 hours, 364 children went missing in the last 30 days and 5,189 children went missing last year in Karnataka, according to data from track the missing child website of the ministry of women and child development, as of January 15, 2023.

Data showed the state with a total of 40,827 missing children, of which 32,120 were found.

Naganna Gowda, chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said there has been an increase in the number of reported cases of missing children by almost 10% as compared to the previous year.

There has also been an increase in abduction of kids in Bengaluru, showed the latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau. As per the data, 811 cases of child kidnapping were reported in 2021 — an increase of 13.9% as compared to 2020 with 712 cases.

The rate of kidnapping and

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> **“Most parents are unable to tell a unique feature of their child... some don’t have the most recent photo...** — Nagasimha G Rao, director, Child Rights Trust

Realty Bites

In bizarre turn of events, absolute sale deed cancelled after five days of execution without knowledge of property owner

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Is it safe to buy a property in Bengaluru? Perhaps not, if the cancellation of a sale deed in the following story is anything to go by.

The case in point showcases rampant corruption at sub-registrar offices across the city. Firstly, the sub-registrar registered an absolute sale deed of a property. The official subsequently registered cancellation of the same sale deed after five days without verifying the credentials or identities of the people who approached him for the cancellation of the sale deed.

One can understand if someone trespasses or constructs a structure on the vacant site while the property owner is away for quite a long time or is negligent to maintain it properly — but if the sub-registrar, who is supposed and expected to register the property documents as per the norms, becomes negligent or colludes with land mafia, what’s to be done?

Vinay Raghavendra Babu from Chennai purchased the property measuring 2 acres and 27 guntas situated at Bagalur village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, for Rs 4 crore from Y Thanasekharan and A Jayasheela represented by their GPA holder Dowoong Choi. The absolute sale deed was executed on November 5, 2022, at Kacharakanahalli sub-registrar office. Babu paid Rs 22,60,040 towards stamp duty and Rs 4,00,675 towards registration fee.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Dance beats

This Tuesday, grab the chance to watch a triple bill dance performance that will feature dancers like Ryu Suzuki and Hemabharathy Palani. Brought to you by Ashareeravani- Sound without body, an Indo-Japanese co-production aims to bring artists from India and Japan together to perform. **Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur When: January 17; 7:30 pm**

02 Science fun

For science enthusiasts Curiouscity Science Centre is a space to explore the marvel of science. Participate in a lot of activities that would provide a ton of excitement and knowledge. Also experience science labs, animal zone, birds and butterflies park, illusions and escape rooms and more.
Where: Curiouscity Science Discovery Centre When: January 21 and 22

03 House of art

To revive your soulful days, don't miss out the exotic musical experience at this museum in south Bengaluru. With instrument galleries, touchscreens, mini-theatres and more, the museum conducts various workshops, classes, seminars, storytelling and more. It also has a cafe and is operated by Woodrose Club.
Where: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar; When: January 17 to 31, 10 am to 6 pm

First time in Bengaluru: Epitome of valour

Indian Army would continue to empower women in force, important decisions are being taken in this regard, says Chief of Army Staff

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Bengaluru became the first city outside New Delhi to host Army Day. The 75th Army Day was held on Sunday. Every year, January 15 is observed as the Army Day to commemorate the occasion when General (later Field Marshal) KM Cariappa took command of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Roy Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949, thus becoming the first Indian Commander-in-Chief in post independent India.

The Army day parade commenced with a wreath laying ceremony at the Madras Engineering Group War Memorial. This year, there were eight marching contingents, including a horse mounted contingent from the Army Service Corps and a military band composed of five regimental brass bands. Each of these contingents represent regiments with glorious histories and unique traditions.

On the occasion, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande expressed concerns over the terrorist infrastructure being intact on the other side of the border.

"Proxy terrorist outfits to gain visibility are indulging in a new tactic of targeted killings. In Jammu and Punjab's International Border Sector through drones drugs and weapons are being supplied. Necessary actions have been initiated through counter drone jammers and spoofers," he said.

"There is reform and changes in the directions of betterment in the interior regions of Jammu and Kashmir. The Kashmiri common man has refuted violence and is becoming an integral part of the government plans and programmes," he explained.

The Indian Army would continue its efforts to empower women in the force. Important decisions are being taken in this regard. Opening of feeder institutions for students, permanent commission and deployment as well as promotional avenues for them are seriously being considered, he added.

Highlights of this year: 8 marching contingents, including a horse mounted contingent from Army Service Corps and military band comprising 5 brass bands

Sankranti scenes in city

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From this day, the sun begins to move towards the north, signalling the onset of summer

Every year Bengaluru waits for a scientific marvel at Gavi Gangadhareshwara temple. This time, the sun rays lighting up the deity on the festival of Sankranti happened on Sunday. The temple is considered as an astronomical laboratory and not just devotees but even scientists visit the temple to witness an annual scientific phenomenon.

On Makar Sankranti, sun rays fall on the Siva Linga, after passing through the two horns of Nandi. The architects of Sri Gavi Gangadhareshwara temple intelligently planned it in such a way that on Sankranti, the rays always pass through Nandi's horns, while lighting up the Lingam.

According to the temple's priest, usually, the sun rays touching the deity happens on January 14. However, whenever Sankranti is held on January 15, the tradition continues.

"From an astrological perspective, the entry of Ravi (sun) into Makar rashi is called Makar Sankranti. From this day onwards the sun begins to move from south towards the north with respect to the earth signaling the oncoming of summer. Hence, this time of the season is also called Uttarayana," he said.

"During this period the power of Ravi will be more than usual. It affects human beings and the rays that the sun emanates will have adverse effects on them. Severe cold will be in Dhanurmasam and from Makarmasa gradually decreasing and summer shows its intensity starting from the Ratha Saptami day, January 28," he added. As hundreds of devotees headed to the temple on Sunday, arrangements were made to accommodate a huge crowd. Gavi Gangadhareshwara temple is believed to be built by Kempe Gowda and is one of Bengaluru's prime attractions.

Cows made to jump over fire on the occasion of Makar Sankranti at Temple Street, Vyalikaval in Malleswaram

Mind the gap! Roads are for cyclists and pedestrians too

Cyclist falls after her bike gets stuck in space on road; citizens wonder if roads designed only for motor vehicles

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Yet another accident involving a cyclist, has put the stress once again on making the city's streets safer for all. The cyclist was returning from a group ride and had a fall near metro pillar number 50 while she was coming back from Indiranagar through the Swami Vivekananda route. Cyclists say that infra work is done without keeping in mind cyclists and pedestrians.

Maria Shilpi told BM about the incident. "We had finished the group ride and I was coming back and near the Junction in pillar 50, there was a gap, and I was going at top speed because the road was empty and I wanted to get home fast. However, the tyre of my cycle got stuck in a gap in the road and I was flung from the cycle."

Because of the injuries suffered from the fall, she had to get stitches near her eye. She also had a concussion initially. She was taken to the hospital where she underwent x-ray and scanning. "The doctors have asked me to take rest and to observe my condition, if I am feeling nauseous or any other kind of discomfort, they asked me to visit the hospital immediately," she said.

City's cyclists say the roads are not very safe for them and that authorities should take immediate action so that such incidents do not take place anymore. Arvind Dwarakanath, ward 45, bicycle councillor, said, "These concrete slabs need to be laid without gaps so as not to endanger two-wheeler riders, especially cyclists. With the city's rising pollution levels, we cyclists are trying to go green with sustainable commute as our mode to fight environmental pollution. But when the infrastructure does not support us and endangers our own safety, our efforts go vain. The civic authorities need to attend to these issues of the highest importance."

The cyclists have also said that when the authorities carry out infrastructure work, they need to factor in cyclists and pedestrians.

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Sathya Sankaran, bicycle mayor of Bengaluru, said, "The problem exists because the authorities do not consider all kinds of users when they design all these kinds of things. They only consider some motor vehicles so that is why our roads are suitable for motorcycles. The whole design process needs to be rethought and whenever something is built, the authorities should keep in mind all kinds of users."

Lost phone signal? Thieves took it

Incidents of thefts of RRU (Remote Radio Units) Cards inside mobile towers have come to light in the city. One such theft of an RRU Card near a mobile tower was captured on CCTV camera near the area. The Indus Tower Company has lodged a complaint with the Kengeri Police Station regarding the incident. The police have started an investigation based on the CCTV footage.

The accused targeted mobile towers in many places including Kengeri, Nagarabhavi, Chandra Layout, Padmanabhanagar and stole RRUs worth more than Rs 10 lakh.

The transceiver of the mobile tower is called the RRU. It plays an important role in providing a network to mobile phones and enables sending or receiving messages and calls. Once the remote radio unit is disconnected, communication will be interrupted in a specific area.

A case under IPC 307 and atrocities act was registered in Soladevanahalli police station.

Man stabs relatives trying to make marital peace

According to the police, two people died after being stabbed on Saturday. It is said that the accused is related to the victims. The accused and his wife had a marital dispute and the victims were trying to counsel the accused.

On the night of Friday, the accused and victims got together to drink and soon an argument arose among them near Himalaya dhaba. Following the argument, the accused stabbed the victims and fled the spot.

One of the victims succumbed to injuries on Saturday afternoon, said the police. Along with IPC 307, section 302 has also been added. The accused has been arrested by the police. **BMB**

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This could be last deadline

HAL-Suranjan Das Road Junction underpass is finally expected to open by January 26

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Work in progress at the underpass; this will be one among the three underpasses that were planned to be part of the signal-free corridor taken up under the Nagarothana Funds at a cost of around Rs 109.50 crore

There is good news for thousands of commuters using HAL and Marathahalli Road. The much-delayed underpass at HAL-Suranjan Das Road Junction will be opened to the public on or before January 26.

The construction of the underpass was supposed to be completed in September, but was postponed to November and again to December, but in vain. If all goes well, it will finally be ready by January 26.

"We have completed all the pending works at the underpass. We have completed the concretization of the road at the underpass. Curing concrete needs a minimum of 10 days," said a BBMP engineer.

The underpass is one among the three underpasses that were planned to be a part of the signal-free corridor taken up under the Chief Minister's Nagarothana Funds at an estimated cost of Rs 109.50 crore. The other underpasses are in Wind Tunnel Road Junction and Kundalahalli Junction. The latter is already in use, but work at Wind Tunnel Road junction is still in progress.

Motorists who have been struggling to pass through the HAL junction for over two years want Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities to complete the pending work as early as possible. "Traffic jams have become common during peak hours here. One has to wait for a minimum of 10 minutes to pass through this junction," said Shankar N, a two-wheeler rider.

According to Vinod Jacob, General Manager of Namma Bengaluru Foundation, an agreement was signed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in 2018, but work has been slow.

He opined that a grade separator is required in front of Manipal Hospital since this junction has heavy traffic and leads to pile-ups from HAL to the Domlur traffic signal. "The junction near ISRO is very wide (150 ft). The footpaths here have been turned into roads with no room for pedestrians.

This route has to be scientifically designed. It is also a VIP route to HAL Airport having consistent traffic due to VIPs, hospitals, hotels, golf clubs, and IT Tech Park corridors.

> **"Traffic jams have become common during peak hours here. One has to wait for a minimum of 10 minutes** – Shankar N, commuter

There needs to be foresight and holistic planning to ensure these projects help with decongesting the burgeoning population," he said. He also said that a few private business establishments have encroached the footpath near the ISRO Junction.

Swathi Damodar, a resident of Vinayaka Nagar, said that she was not sure whether or not the authorities planted saplings to compensate for the loss of trees near the underpass. "The authorities have promised to plant saplings to compensate for the loss of trees for the construction of the underpass.

However, I have no information on the same," she said, adding that the road near HAL Helicopter Division towards Marathahalli is narrow and may become a bottleneck, hindering smooth movement of vehicles. Dattatreya Devare, an environmentalist, demanded the authorities concerned plant saplings near the trees that were cut to facilitate the construction of the underpass. "I want the authorities to plant fast growing saplings to ensure a green canopy," he said.

Three railways stations to get EV friendly

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South Western Railway's (SWR) Bengaluru division will be launching EV charging infrastructure in three railway stations. The measure is expected to help EV users who travel long distances using railways.

By next month, charging infrastructure could be seen in some areas of the stations. As part of the pilot project, Yulu will install charging machines at Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna, Hoodi, and KR Puram stations.

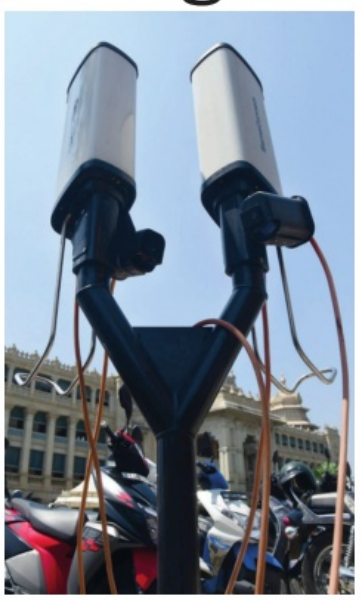
Railway stations tend to see huge footfall with some even using EV vehicles for last-mile connectivity. The easy availability of EV chargers will help such commuters, especially at night. It could encourage users to leave EV vehicles parked for longer intervals as they tend to slip towards deep discharge without usage. It could help address range anxiety too. Recently, the Chennai division of SWR also announced installation of EV chargers at Mandaveli and Saidapet Railway stations.

Division Railways Manager SWR(Bengaluru), Shyam, said, "We have already awarded the contract to Yulu Bikes. We have permitted installation at three railway stations. The company will install EV charging infrastructure and battery swap stations. Other players have also expressed interest in this regard and we will take it up through e-auction mode."

The number of charging machines/swap machines per station is not yet known and will be dependent on the user requirement. SWR confirmed that based on demand, charging infrastructure will cater to two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers. Rail activists and EV users appreciate the move.

"There has been a shift to electric vehicles due to incentives from the government. Installation of chargers will help rail users who park their vehicles for the entire day in parking spaces. However, railways should have considered Cantonment, Yeshwanthpur, and Sir MV Terminal," said Krishna Prasad, a rail activist.

An EV user said that the move will help long-distance daily passengers. "There are passengers who travel early in the morning and come back at night. Vehicles parked could also be kept for charging. EV charging at parking spaces can reduce range anxiety and encourage their use. In larger multi-modal transport systems, public stations can reduce the adoption of ICE vehicles," said Harsha.



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> – Shyam, Division Railways Manager SWR (Bengaluru)

According to EV experts, Railways had passed a policy about installing charging infrastructure in 700-800 locations. They said that addressing the barrier to EV adoption was an important step, and without building adequate charging infrastructure, users would not be encouraged. "In 2022, we reached 1 million EV vehicles. More charging points will encourage the confidence of users. With land and power issues addressed, the challenge revolves around informing users about the availability of chargers.

To facilitate seamless services, even non-rail users should be provided free access to premises," said Pawan Mulukutla, director, Integrated Transport, Electric Mobility and Hydrogen, WRI India.

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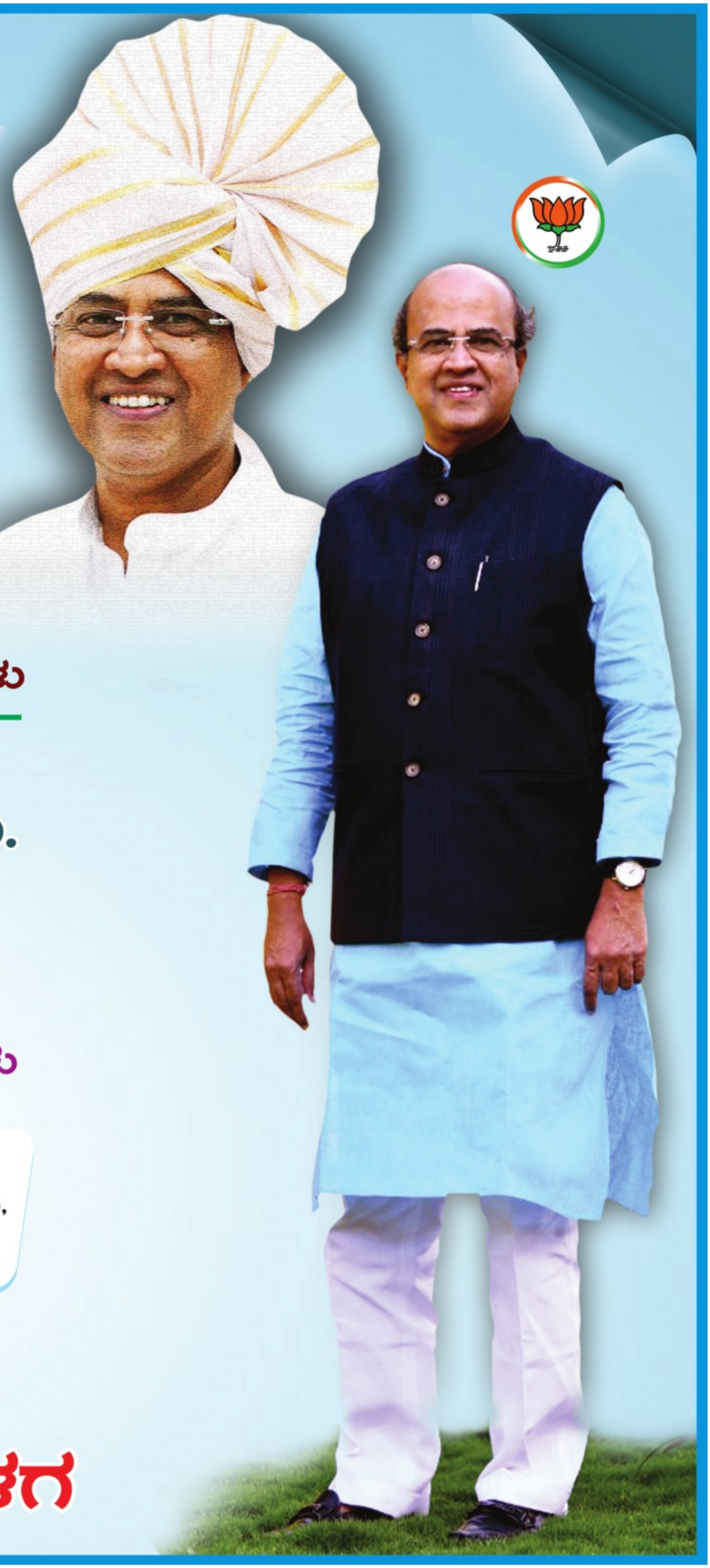

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13.9% rise in child abduction

abduction in Bengaluru was 9.5%, the data showed. Most cases of kidnapping in Bengaluru have been registered for children between the age of 12 and 16 years, recording 348 cases.

"Many cases still go unreported; it happens in rural areas of Bengaluru. Most of the time, parents think that the child will come back and hence they don't go to the police.

When children go missing, sometimes parents don't know how and where to lodge a complaint; so it doesn't really reflect in the data that how many children are actually missing. After the pandemic lockdown was lifted, a lot of people migrated to the city; subsequently children went missing but those cases are also not reported," said Nagasimha G Rao, child rights activist and director of Child Rights Trust.

According to Rao, even if the child is rescued or recovered, the development is not noted down in the data records as most parents don't come back and inform the authorities concerned that their child has been found.

"Many cases still go unreported; it happens in rural areas of Bengaluru. Most of the time, parents think that the child will come back...

"The parents would not come back to the police station or the NGO to inform them that their child is back home; this adds to a lot of confusion. There is a need to create awareness among parents especially about things like having the recent photo of the child and some contact information. Most of the parents are unable to tell a unique feature of their child's physical appearance; they don't have the most recent photo. So this delays the rescue work," Rao added.

Meanwhile, Gowda said the government is planning to make village and gram panchayat level committees to check and reduce the cases of missing children and child abduction.

"Basically, we are going to have training to build the capacity of the members on how to reduce and tackle such things from happening. At the gram panchayat level, along with some social workers and NGOs we are monitoring such activities.

Every month we have a meeting with all the members and heads to discuss our plan of action. The members are trained to identify certain people who might be engaged in illegal activities related to children and we are keeping a close eye on them," Gowda further explained.

He also added that now more people are coming forward to register missing children complaints — earlier people were hesitant to register a complaint especially if it was a girl child.

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Electricity rates could spike soon

Power expenditure expected to double for both domestic, industrial consumers

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Electricity rates are expected to rise for consumers as there are plans on offsetting the burden of paying employee pensions of ESCOMS onto consumers through tariff revisions. Electricity expenditure is expected to be doubled for both domestic and industrial consumers, said the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI).

In a recent price revision petition, the government issued an order to put the burden of retirement benefits to be paid to the staff of the electricity corporation on the consumers. Thus, consumers will have to pay Rs 3,353 crore in three annual instalments.

"There will be a severe impact on 15,147 (HT) consumers and around 5,35,220 small-scale industrial units in our state. Small industries account for 3.20 per cent of total electricity usage in the state and employ approximately 40 lakh people. Each employee is responsible for a family of four. About 1.6 crore people are taken care of by MSMEs, reducing the burden of the government in the area of food, shelter, and education," the FKCCI said in a statement.

Similarly, HT users consume about 16.30 per cent of electricity, the statement further read. As the electricity rates go up, the expenses in their businesses increase.

MSME sector overburdened

The FKCCI also complained about the burden on the MSME sector. "The consent fees taken by the Karnataka Pollution Control Board have increased by 600-800 times. Consent fees are being taken on machinery and the property. There has been a significant increase in property tax and they struggle to secure bank loans. Karnataka needs to implement an MSME policy to make it easier for the sector," said Shashidhar, Industry committee chairman, FKCCI. 12 states in the country have issued MSME policies.

The hotel industry is also worried. "The electricity rate for the hotel industry is already higher than other industries. While industries are paying Rs 7 per unit, we are paying Rs 9 per unit," said PC Rao, President of Bruhat Bangalore Hotels Association.

The increase in fixed charges will lead to an additional 20 per cent increase in expenditure. Both domestic and industrial consumers should oppose this move, added Rao.

> **Even if consumers don't use electricity, they will be forced to pay high fixed charges; they are reducing per unit charge, but fixed charges will be doubled**
> – FKCCI president

Companies will be forced to shut down.

FKCCI also said that the government has issued an order regarding liability towards Tannirbhavi. Rs 1,657 crore is to be recovered from consumers through a tariff hike. The total annual impact will be around Rs1,500 crore.

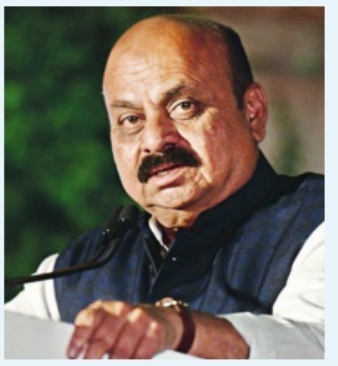
FKCCI president BV Gopal Reddy said, "Even if consumers don't use electricity, they will be forced to pay high fixed charges. On one hand, they are reducing per unit charge by 50 paise, but simultaneously, the fixed charges will be doubled. A reason for this increase is due to the government's decision to pay pensions to ESCOM employees. There are arrears amounting to Rs 3,353 crore in pensions. The government is planning to collect charges in three instalments, but why should the burden be shifted to the consumer?"

Reddy added that the higher burden of this move will be on small and micro industries rather than domestic users. The increase in burden will be dependent on electricity usage. "We have already made our objection in KERC and will convey our concerns to the Chief Minister," he said.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

CM takes on cancer

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai gave a lecture on cancer awareness at Karnataka Cancer Institute and Therapy Centre recently. He tried to explain the disease in layman's terms to the people present. Later, he turned towards the head of the institute, asking him if his explanation of cancer was correct or not. Bommai said, "Although I have not studied MBBS, I have learnt about the disease as I even suffered from cancer."



Warning for cops

Police are quite strict when it comes to implementing helmet rules. However, many question why there is laxity among cops when it comes to their own personnel. Often a few cops are seen without helmets or wearing 'half helmets'. So, to rein in cops violating traffic rules, the Hassan district SP has come out with a new rule. SP Hariram Shankar said that it is not just fine that will be collected from cops who don't wear helmets. They will face suspension too.

No bunking

If students bunk class, lecturers will always reprimand them, but who will bell the cat when the lecturers are bunking? Recently, government college lecturers decided to stay away from class in Honnali, pressing for their demands. The students were upset that lecturers were not coming to class and the latter refused to walk in till their demands were met. Honnalli MLA Renukacharya had to step in to rein in lecturers, asking them to go back to class.

Losing his cool

During the recent Chikkaballapur utsav (organised by local MLA and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar), Sonu Nigam was one of the main draws as he was singing his popular numbers. However, as he sang the first few lines, he suddenly stopped and started screaming at a section of the audience who were partaking in mischief. Nigam asked the organisers to remove the people who were unnecessarily making sounds. He said he would start singing again after they were gone.

-Sridhar Vivan

Curious case of the sale deed

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"I was shocked to know that the absolute sale deed was cancelled when I went to Kacharakanahalli sub-registrar office to collect the sale deed documents and an encumbrance certificate against the property I purchased. The website reflected that the absolute sale deed is cancelled. I approached sub-registrar Raghavendra Wodeyar seeking justice because it is he who executed the sale deed but he feigned ignorance," said Babu.

Babu said he suspected the staff at the sub-registrar office colluded with some people to cancel the sale deed. "I am not a fool to sign the cancellation deed after paying lakhs of rupees towards the registration fees and stamp duty. The cancellation of the sale deed is a fake document. I want the sub-registrar to cancel the fake deed without any delay and rectify the anomaly," he said.

When contacted, Kumari Roopa, the sub-registrar of Kacharakanahalli said that she did not execute neither the sale deed nor the cancellation of the sale deed. "There are two sub-registrars here. The other one is Raghavendra Wodeyar. I am not sure whether he executed the sale deed and the cancellation deed. I can tell you who has executed the documents if you bring the documents of both deeds to my office," she said.

> **I approached sub-registrar Raghavendra Wodeyar seeking justice because he executed the sale deed, but he feigned ignorance**
> –Vinay Raghavendra Babu

Raghavendra Wodeyar, sub-registrar at Kacharakanahalli, did not respond as his phone was switched off. Meanwhile, a senior officer of the department of stamps and registration said the victims have to lodge a complaint with the department to get their grievances redressed.

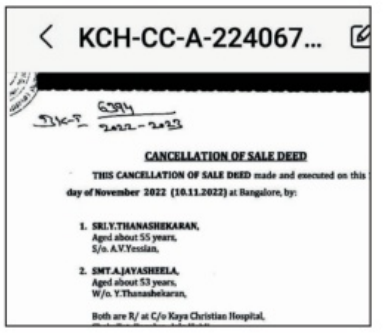
"We will ask the sub-registrar to bring those documents – sale deed as well as the cancellation of the sale deed – to us for verification," the officer said.

The Karnataka State Registration and Stamps Department
Official's Multipurpose Co-Operative Society Ltd.

ABSOLUTE SALE DEED :-

This Absolute sale deed is made and executed on this 5th Day of November Two Thousand and Twenty Two (05-11-2022), at Bengaluru, By and Between:-

Sri. Y.Thanashekaran, S/o. A.V.Yessian, aged about 55 years. and **Smt. A.Jayasheela** ,W/o. Y.Thanasekaran,aged about 53 years.both are R/at. C/o. Kaya Christian Hospital, ChakallerBagalur, Jala Hobli,Bangalore North Taluk, Represented by their G.P.A holder , **Sri.Dowoong Choi**aged about 79 years, S/o. Wonh Joon ,R/at.No.77, Peace houseByrathiBandeKothnur Post,Bangalore-560 043.**PAN : AHJPC0108M**, Hereinafter called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2. SMT.A.JAYASHEELA, Aged about 53 years, W/o. Y.Thanashekaran,

Both are R/ at C/o Kaya Christian Hospital,

Bangalore Mirror published a story – Out of site, not out of mind – on January 7, 2019 narrating how an NRI couple found their 50x80 site along Banaswadi-Hennur Road was sold by someone impersonating them while they were out of India.

5 Indians among 68 killed in Nepal crash

Plane making 27-minute flight to tourist spot crashes into gorge, in country's deadliest accident in 3 decades

Nepalese rescue workers and civilians gather around the wreckage of a passenger plane that crashed in Pokhara, Nepal on Sunday. (Below) Video grab of the Yeti Airlines' plane before landing at the Pokhara airport

#Pokhara

A total of 16 bodies were recovered from the site of the crash of a passenger aircraft in Nepal's Pokhara, the spokesperson of Nepal Army confirmed on Sunday.

A plane making a 27-minute flight to a Nepal tourist town crashed into a gorge Sunday while attempting to land at a newly opened airport, killing at least 68 of the 72 people aboard. At least one witness reported hearing cries for help from within the fiery wreck, the country's deadliest airplane accident in three decades.

Hours after dark, scores of onlookers crowded around the crash site near the airport in the resort town of Pokhara as rescue workers combed the wreckage on the edge of the cliff and in the ravine below. Officials suspended the search for the four missing people overnight and planned to resume looking Monday.

Local resident Bishnu Tiwari, who rushed to the crash site near the Seti River to help search for bodies, said the rescue efforts were hampered by thick smoke and a raging fire.

"The flames were so hot that we couldn't go near the wreckage. I heard a man crying for help, but because of the flames and smoke we couldn't help him," Tiwari said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the accident, Nepal's Civil Aviation Authority said.

A witness said he saw the aircraft spinning violently in the air after it began descending to land, watching from the terrace of his house. Finally, Gaurav Gurung said, the plane fell nose-first towards its left and crashed into the gorge. The aviation authority said the aircraft last made contact with the airport from near Seti Gorge at 10:50 am before crashing.

The twin-engine ATR 72 aircraft, operated by Nepal's Yeti Airlines, was flying from the capital, Kathmandu, to Pokhara, located 200 kilometers (125 miles) west. It was carrying 68 passengers including 15 foreign nationals, as well as four crew members, Nepal's Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement. The foreigners included five Indians, four Russians, two South Koreans, and one each from Ireland, Australia, Argentina and France.

4 out of 5 Indians from Ghazipur

Four of the five Indians killed in a plane crash in Nepal on Sunday hailed from Ghazipur district in Uttar Pradesh, officials said.

Ghazipur District Magistrate Aryaka Akhauri told PTI over phone that the administration has reach out to the affected families.

"Our sub-divisional magistrate and other officials are meeting them. We are also in touch with the embassy.... We will do the needful after the recovery of bodies," she said.

The four victims from Ghazipur district were identified as Sonu Jaiswal, Anil Rajbhar, Abhishek Kushwaha and Vishal Sharma.

Sharma belonged to Alawalpur Chatti village in the Badesar area of the district, Jaiswal had houses in Chak Jainab and Alawalpur Chatti but was currently living in Sarnath, a police spokesperson said.

Rajbhar was a resident of Chak Jainab in the Badesar area and Kushwaha of Dharwa in the Nonhara area of Ghazipur, he said.

Asked about the fifth Indian, who was identified as Sanjay Jaiswal, the police spokesperson said he might have his roots in Ghazipur but it could not be confirmed yet. **AP & PTI**

Amid opposition, EC to show how remote voting machine works

#New Delhi

The Election Commission will showcase the remote electronic voting machine (RVM) prototype for migrant voters to representatives of political parties on Monday. The poll panel has invited eight recognised national parties and 57 recognised state parties for a demonstration on Monday morning. The letter states that they have been invited for a "discussion on improving voter participation of domestic migrants using remote voting."

During the demonstration of the remote EVM, members of EC's Technical Expert Committee will also be present.

Opposition parties feel the RVM proposal is still very sketchy, says Congress

Oppn parties meet

Congress on Sunday called an all-party meeting to discuss RVM and all the political parties unanimously opposed the proposal of RVM by the Election Commission of India (ECI). The meeting was held a day ahead of the national parties' Election Commission meeting. Congress leader Digvijay Singh chaired the meeting.

Addressing a press conference, Singh said, "We are extremely grateful to all the political parties who have responded to our requests to meet and discuss about the proposal of the ECI on the remote voting machine. The political parties which attended were JDU, Shiv Sena, National Conference, CPI-M, JMM, RJD, PDP, VCK, RUML, and Kapil Sibal. NCP and SP have conveyed their views to me." "The overall view of all political parties who attended today, unanimously opposed the proposal of RVM because it is still very sketchy, the proposal is not concrete. There are huge political anomalies and problems in the proposal. The definition of migrant labour and the numbers of migrant labour are all not very clear. We have unanimously made up our minds to oppose RVM," said Singh.

"We have been asked to give our reply by January 31, so we have decided to meet again on January 25 to send our reply jointly or separately," he added.

Jailed gangster in Karnataka made threatening calls to Gadkari's office

#Nagpur

In a major breakthrough in the case related to threat calls received at Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's office, Nagpur Police on Saturday traced the caller.

The caller has been identified as Jayesh Kantha, a jailed gangster, serving imprisonment in Belagavi jail, who made threatening calls to Union Minister Nitin Gadkari's office from inside the jail, police said. "Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was being threatened from jail. the caller is a notorious gangster and murder accused Jayesh Kantha, who is imprisoned in Karnataka's Belagavi jail. He threatened Gadkari's office by using the phone illegally inside the jail, Nagpur Commissioner of Police said, adding that a team of Nagpur Police has left for Belagavi for further probe.

The jail administration has recovered a diary from the accused, which has been seized. Nagpur Police have asked for production remand for the accused. The office of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in Maharashtra received threat calls on Saturday, the Nagpur Police said. In response to the alleged threat calls, the Nagpur Police later beefed up the security around Nitin Gadkari. **– ANI**

India registers biggest win in ODI history

#Thiruvananthapuram

Team India became the first-ever team in ODI cricket to register a win by 300 runs or more, becoming the team with the biggest victory margin in terms of runs in the history of 50-over format on Sunday.

The Men in Blue accomplished this during their third and final ODI against Sri Lanka at Thiruvananthapuram.

Centuries from Virat Kohli (166*) and opener Shubman Gill (116) powered India to 390/5 in their 50 overs. In their chase of 391, Lanka did not put up even an inch of fight and the match appeared to be over after Mohammed Siraj (4/32) delivered a brutal powerplay spell. The visitors were bundled out for 73 runs and India won the match by 317 runs.

SPORTS

Previously, the biggest win by runs in ODI cricket was recorded by New Zealand. Back in July 2008 at Aberdeen, they defeated Ireland by 290 runs after setting up for them a target of 403 runs.

Coming to the match, a destructive powerplay spell from Mohammed Siraj continued Sri Lanka's downfall for the third straight ODI, helping the hosts clinch a massive 317-run win in the final ODI at Kerala on Sunday.

With this, India has won the ODI series 3-0.

Chasing 391, Sri Lanka once again experienced troubles in tackling Mohammed Siraj with the new ball. The pacer wasted no time and dismissed opener Avishka Fernando (1) and Kusal Mendis (4), reducing SL to 22/2 in four overs.

Earlier, Virat (166*) played a breathtaking knock while Gill (116) played a scintillating knock to present a strong case for himself. **– ANI**

Indian team poses for a photo with the ODI trophy after winning the 3rd ODI match against Sri Lanka, at Greenfield International Stadium, in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday.

HEALTH TIP: Several reasons like sports injuries, excessive stress over flexible joints, and congenital spinal problems can cause chronic back pain among children

People who work long hours on their computers usually slouch a lot, which puts pressure on their back muscles, spine, and neck, causing pain

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Before you swipe

Are dating apps impacting your mental health?

Today, online dating has been accepted as part of making human connections, and has proven to be a convenient way to meet new people. However, this convenience comes with its own disadvantages too, one of them being that dating applications can impact both your mental and physical health. Husain Minawala, Founder of Beyond Thoughts, says, "Dating applications can be very beneficial when used correctly, but oftentimes, may leave a negative impact on one's mental health if not properly monitored or regulated. So, make sure you're aware of the possible downfalls before you go all out swiping!"

Husain shares how dating apps can affect a user's mental health.

Cause Of Stress And Anxiety

Sometimes, choosing a potential candidate from a wide pool of choices may end up overwhelming rather than intriguing you. You may feel pressured to respond to every match or visit the site every single day. That pressure can amount to a lot of stress.

Body Image Issues

Online dating is often associated with poor body image and body dysmorphia. Many view dating applications as putting your best face forward and believe matches are only made based upon physical attraction. This leads to self-judgement and comparison to others.

Lack Of Self-Esteem

Rejection is a common thing on dating apps. It's impossible to match with every single user. "Some individuals may start doubting themselves and take each non-match very personally. On dating applications, people's profiles are evaluated, which can impact self-esteem and confidence, and make users feel objectified," says Husain. Further to this, numerous studies have linked lengthy periods of Internet use, including time spent on dating applications, to negative mental health consequences.

"Positively engaging with the world outside of your devices is critical in balancing your outlook and your sense of self," he advises.

The Real Effects of Rejection

All individuals fear rejection, making it a common emotion the world over. Social rejection is painful, and actually activates the same pathways in the brain that physical pain does, affecting your emotional, cognitive, and physical health. Note that the occasional rejection is a normal experience and it can ultimately help us better understand ourselves and what kind of personalities we are compatible with. "The unlimited choices that dating applications offer makes rejections easier to handle as users search for a better match, and more time is spent looking for love than focusing on a potential connection. The feeling of rejection usually intensifies when the two individuals have met twice or thrice and then either of them rejects the other," says Husain.

> **Make sure you're in the right headspace before swiping; if you're already having a bad day, it may not be the best choice to use a dating app**

Psychological Distress

People who use dating apps are likely to be more distressed, anxious, or depressed. These feelings increase if the dating app user is on the app more often (ie, daily use) and for longer periods of time. "Users who seek validation are more vulnerable and sensitive to rejections and are positively impacted by attention. The pursuit of external validation through online dating or social media correlates with emotional distress," adds Husain.

Human Disposability

Frequent and regular rejection can lead users to question their physical appearance, conversational skills, and the reliability of the opposite sex. Husain says, "Dating apps contribute to a culture of human disposability, with users becoming part of a 'throw-away society'. Dating apps have millions of users, and users may be simultaneously messaging many other users. This can lead to a superficial breadth, rather than meaningful depth, of connections. Many users may be constantly asking themselves, 'Is there someone better than this on the next swipe?'"

Anonymity And Deceit

Earlier, individuals used to meet at work, through mutual friends, or at social venues. As such, their relationship was rooted in a pre-existing social ecology where others could generally be trusted. However, no such social ecology exists within the world of dating applications, which encourages anonymity or deceit. "This can include deception about personal characteristics such as age or profession, as well as dishonesty regarding intentions. Such experience of deceit may be damaging to mental health, leading to painful emotions, being less trusting, and generating more self-doubt. Compounded with a cycle of constant rejection, overwhelming choices, and transient relationships, it can contribute to decreased psychological well-being," shares Husain.

Avoiding The Pitfalls

Husain shares some tips to help you navigate dating apps: Social media fatigue is a serious problem. Rather than mindlessly swiping for an hour, set aside a 15-minute break to truly engage in using the app correctly.

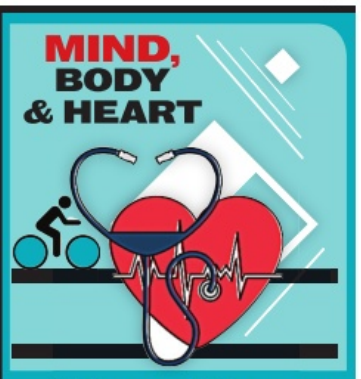
Make sure you're in the right headspace before swiping. If you're already having a bad day, it may not be the best choice to use a dating app. Check in with yourself before opening the app to make sure your mental health is at a place that can handle making these connections.

It is okay to cut off a conversation if someone begins to make you feel uncomfortable or ignores your boundaries. Don't feel like you have to continue talking to every single match because you don't want to be rude.

If you feel like you may have a connection with someone, make an effort to connect via phone, video chat, or in person. This will help both of you get a better sense of who you really are.

If you're feeling frustrated, rushed or just having a bad day, forgo any chats. Reach out with positivity and kindness.

-Kalwyna Rathod (Femina)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My husband and I are in our 30s with two young children. My problem might sound a bit odd but, basically, our neighbours, who are at least 15 years older than us, have really noisy sex all the time. This not only makes me feel annoyed and uncomfortable, it makes me feel a bit awkward and embarrassed, as it highlights the fact my husband and I barely have sex any more.
I've lost count of the times we've been in bed with our backs to each other, desperately trying to get some sleep, while the neighbours go at it next door.
Firstly, should I say something to them?
I don't know the woman very well and I don't want to embarrass her, but she probably has no idea we can hear what they get up to in the bedroom.
Secondly, how should I tackle the subject of sex with my husband? He's not very good at opening up and sharing how he feels, but we've got into a relationship rut and I'm worried that if we don't break out of it, we'll never make love again.

COLEEN SAYS

Well, I don't think they're being deliberately noisy, but are just lost in the moment. I accept you'd rather not hear it, though!
Maybe rather than telling your neighbour you can hear them having sex, the next time you see her, drop into conversation that you can't believe how thin the walls are and that you can hear everything from next door.
In terms of your relationship rut, I'm afraid the only way out of it is to talk to your husband and be clear about how you feel.
Intimacy is nurtured outside the bedroom – it's about how you treat each other day to day. It's thinking about what your partner needs and wants.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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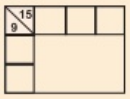
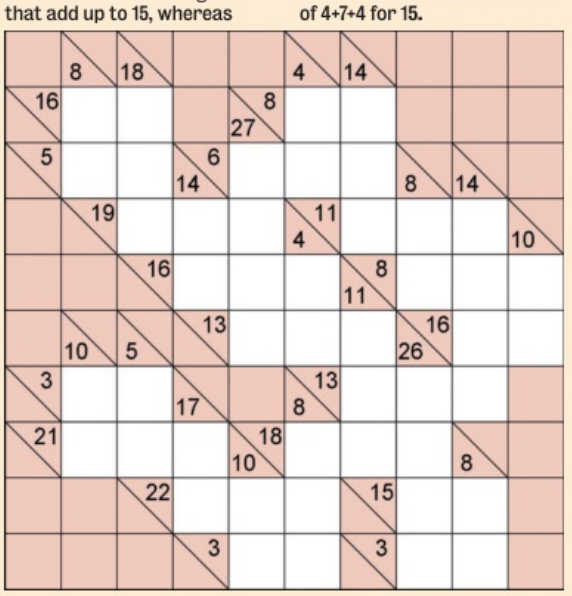
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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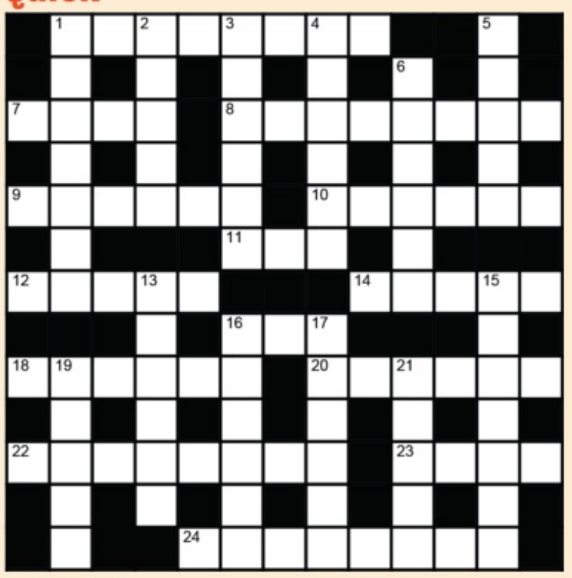


ACROSS

1 Capital of Bosnia (8)
7 Capital of Azerbaijan (4)
8 Five-armed sea animal (8)
9 Government office (6)
10 Smaller moon of Mars (6)
11 Donkey or onager (3)
12 Piles, stacks or loads (5)
14 Product of one baking (5)
16 Internet addresses (3)
18 Relating to milk (6)
20 Make a trip (6)
22 Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of ____ (8)
23 Ceremony (4)
24 Glorified (8)

DOWN

1 Standing height achieved? (7)
2 Awaken (5)
3 U2's "The ___ Tree" (6)
4 Articles of food, victuals (6)
5 Cowboy's rope (5)
6 The dark continent (6)
13 Stroked on a golf green (6)
15 Defrauded (7)
16 Small refrigerator? (6)
17 Sound system (6)
19 Take up as one's own (5)
21 Of the ear (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS T

XRJ NJHZKRXD CE DJHE-NZDTCFJOP MOJ MHQMPD MFMZHMSHJ.

Linemaro

You will always have a place in my heart right next to puppies

Mindchow

It is hard enough to remember your opinions, without also remembering your reasons for them

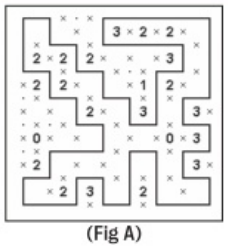
Joke of the day

Murphy's law of buses: If you are running late, the bus will be too

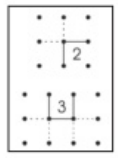
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

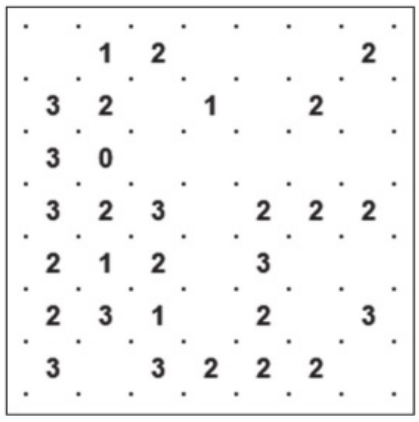


(Fig B) Not Allowed

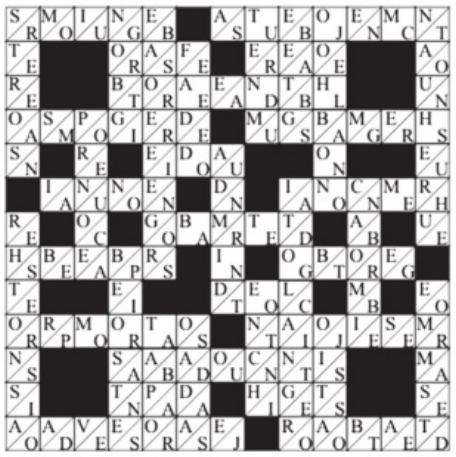
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



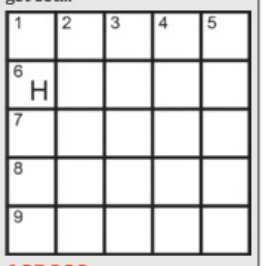
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Kolas; 6 Shore; 7 Ceria; 8 Ma sob; 9 If Hat

DOWN

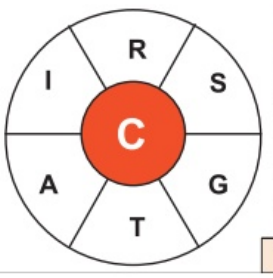
1 H Safe; 2 Mo ark; 3 I rob I; 4 Coats; 5 Hales

Mensapuzzle

What number comes next in this sequence?

1, 3, 11, 47, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6	9			4			2	8
	5		6		3		4	
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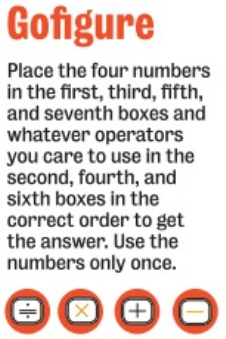
3		1				9		2
			1		6			
	1		3		2		6	
7	3			5			8	1

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

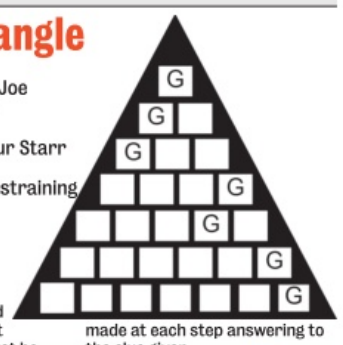
Differences: 1. Shelf is wider. 2. Smoke is added. 3. Briefcase is missing. 4. Wall is wider. 5. Hair is different. 6. Collar is different.

Riddler

Which famous London landmark might host a LETHAL BOAR RALLY?

Alpha triangle

1 Gram, abbr.
2 American soldier Joe
3 Cotton separator
4 Loop
5 One of the Fab Four Starr
6 Hollowing out
7 Compelling or constraining



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

LOOK, MAWSQUAW! REDEYE GAVE ME A NICKEL
YOU'D BETTER PUT IT IN A SAFE PLACE
FIVE CENTS' WORTH OF GUMDROPS, AND BE SURE TO PUT THE NICKEL IN THE BANK
CANDY
10-29

Bizarrotrip

Sometimes I just want a quiet little sip by myself, without all the yo-ho-ho.
Wayno & Piraro 11-9-22
Dist. by King Features
BIZARRO.COM

Diamond Lil

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THAT NEW DOLL?
WHICH ONE?
"STINKY STANLEY"
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU PULL HIS STRING AND HE BLAMES THE DOG
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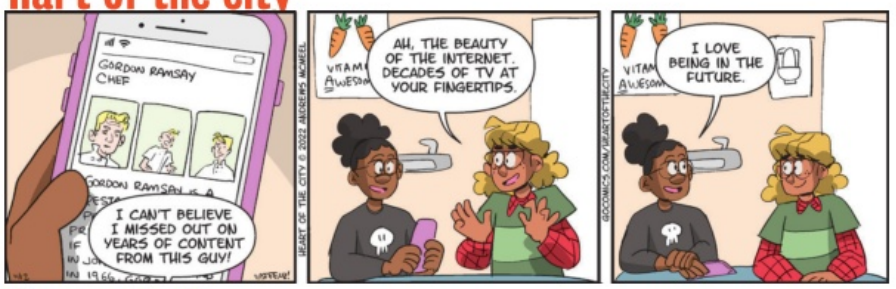
Hart of the city


GORDON RAMSAY CHEF
I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED OUT ON YEARS OF CONTENT FROM THIS GUY!
AH, THE BEAUTY OF THE INTERNET. DECADES OF TV AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.
I LOVE BEING IN THE FUTURE.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, elders may help you. You will develop patience. Your focus may come back. It may help you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in terms of business. There will be domestic harmony. There may be some balance between your expenditures and savings. It may boost your finances.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today some dissatisfaction may creep into your mind. You may feel lazy and dull. It affects your current speed at a project or task. Lovebirds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of interviews.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your internal power could make you happy. You may get short gains in terms of investments. You may develop good relations with your boss. You will see some promotions in the near future. Your prestige in society may be increased. You may also expect some work-related travel.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a high position at work following your hard work. Your performance at work may be improved. You may also meet some influential person who will give you good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues very easily, which may boost family harmony.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be happy. Things may be better somehow. You may plan to visit a spiritual place. It may give you inner strength. You may also donate some money to charity or help needy people. You can expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may find their match suitable. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may feel dull. Your health may not be good. You may be arrogant, which may affect people around you. In order to maintain harmony in your domestic life, it is advised to control your harsh way of speaking. Avoid investments as they will convert to dead stock.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day for you. Investors may get good gains from their investments. It may boost financial health. Money which was stuck somewhere may be recovered now. It may increase liquidity in the business. You may become confident and will have control over hidden enemies and opponents. Singles are likely to find their match in the same field or workplace.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may feel healthy as old illnesses may be cured now. You may hear some good news from your relatives. You may perform well in the office. Your colleagues may help you with any critical project. You may develop faith in your subordinate staff. It may increase your prestige among society. You may also hear good news in some legal matters.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may feel like your life is challenging. You may take some advice from your elders to sustain yourself in the given situation. You need to keep patience. Your kids' education can make you upset. You may need to go for a short trip in terms of their academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making any investments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get results for your hard work. It may bring disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing a new contract. Investments in assets may also be possible. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. It may improve your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high. You are advised to keep patience while interacting with others.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy with family get-togethers. You may become polite with the people around you, which may boost your image among relatives and friends. You will spend money on buying some artefacts, other items which will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
cart, cast,
1 – 2 – 1/(1 – 2)
1 – 2 – 1/– 1
1 – 2 + 1 = 0

BULL'S EYE
cigar, crag, GASTRIC, racist, scar, scat, tragic

FAST FIVE

S	K	O	A	L
H	O	R	S	E
E	R	I	C	A
A	M	B	O	S
F	A	I	T	H

RIDDLER
Royal Albert Hall

QUOTE UNCODE
The delights of self-discovery are always available.

STRIKE OUT

A	D	V	E	R	S	E	R	A	B	A	T
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
239: 1 × 2 + 1 = 3; 3 × 3 + 2 = 11; 11 × 4 + 3 = 47; 47 × 5 + 4 = 239

SUDOKU

7	3	6	4	5	9	2	8	1
5	1	9	3	8	2	4	6	7
2	8	4	1	7	6	5	9	3
3	4	1	7	6	8	9	5	2
9	7	5	2	1	4	8	3	6
8	6	2	9	3	5	1	7	4
4	2	3	8	6	9	7	4	5
1	5	8	6	2	3	7	4	9
6	9	7	5	4	1	3	2	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Gl, Glin, Ring, Ringo, Corring, Forcing.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 3 x 1 + 9 = 14
Medium
7 – 5 – 7 + 9 = 4
Hard
2 x 6 + 5 / 1 = 17

KAKURO

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One last time!

Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu brought back the 'Miss Universe' crown to India in 2021 after Lara Dutta got the honour for India in 2021. Prior to Lara, Sushmita Sen had won 'Miss Universe' pageant in 1994. On Saturday, Harnaaz took her last walk as Miss Universe, at the finale event and welcomed Miss Universe 2022.

But Harnaaz gave a tribute to Lara and Sushmita as she wore a gown which had big pictures of Lara and Sushmita when they were crowned Miss Universe. Harnaaz was seen in a gorgeous black gown with Sushmita and Lara's pictures printed on it in black and white.

It was an overwhelming moment for her as she couldn't stop getting teary eyed. A voice message played in the background while she took her final walk on stage as Miss Universe. Tears rolled down her cheeks and she also sort of stumbled on stage but gracefully carried herself then. Harnaaz's pre-recorded voice message, played in the background of this video said, "To my mom, dad, family, friends, and everyone who has inspired me in this quest, you are forever in my heart..."

–ETimes

No pain, no gain

Rashmika speaks up about painful process of prepping for character in latest film

For Rashmika Mandanna, playing a visually-impaired character in the upcoming film 'Mission Majnu' is by far the most challenging role she has come across. In the spy thriller which sees Sidharth Malhotra in the lead the talented actress plays a visually-challenged character for the first time in her career.

During a recent interview with a media outlet, Rashmika opened up on the painful process she had to undergo while prepping for the character of a blind girl and how challenging it was for her.

Slipping into the character without even using her eyes was indeed a difficult task for the actress. According to her, she's a person who speaks looking in the eye but in the entire film, she couldn't look at Tariq (Sidharth's character).

Since she doesn't come from a background of studying acting Rashmika had to live those moments to feel it and this was quite challenging. The 'Pushpa' actress also revealed before the shooting started she underwent a special training in order to have a clear idea about the body language and awareness of visually-impaired people. This process included a few weeks of taxing workshops and she used to have headaches towards the end of preparation process. During the period, the trainers would blindfold her and throw tennis balls at her so that Rashmika had the sense of understanding about where from it was coming. The process was painful and gruelling. **–ETimes**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Dance of the divine

Sandip Soparrkar, an Indian Latin and ballroom dancer, will make his debut in the Kannada film industry with an important character in the movie Kari Haida Kari Ajja that is being made in Kannada, Tulu, and Malayalam.

"The film's shoot was a unique experience for me. I managed to play this role with the help of my assistant who helped me understand the dialogues. I also have dance sequences in this film," said Sandip who was in Bengaluru to attend a promotional event for this movie.

He also spoke about problems the crew encountered.

"Shooting had to be stopped for two days after miscreants created trouble. Later the shooting recommenced when executive producer Vidyadhar Shetty and Mangaluru Police Commissioner intervened," he said.

Director Sudheer Attavar said Sandip plays Guiliga Daiva in the movie.

He said the movie is about a 22-year-old who gets divine qualities. "Koragajja is worshiped in coastal areas. We shot a portion of this movie at Kallapu near Netravati river," he said. The director said that veteran actress Shruthi plays Koragajja's foster mother. "This movie will remain special in my heart," said Shruthi.

Ode to farmers

The team of Prajarajya has released one more song on the occasion of Sankranti. The song – Jagadali Raithanemba Brahma – is sung by Shankar Mahadevan and its lyrics are penned by Dr V Nagendra Prasad.

Prior to this, the team released a song – Jai Election – sung by Real Star Upendra, which music lovers received well.

At the release of the latest song, director-cum-actor TS Nagabharana said that lyricist Dr V Nagendra Prasad has tried to make this song glorifying farmers' contribution to society a unique one. "This movie focuses on the problems of farmers and the ill-effects of globalisation. It also focuses on how farmers have been suffering due to middlemen," he said.

Producer Dr Varadaraj DS has also written the script, screenplay, and dialogues for the film. "Though I am a practising doctor, our source of income is agriculture which is the backbone of our country. We have dedicated the song to the farmers," he said.

Making music fun

Popular Bollywood playback singer, music director, composer and Filmfare Award winner, Ankit Tiwari was in town recently to launch his new album 'Aye Dil'. Accompanying him was leading lady of the album, actress Pooja Chopra. When BM caught up with them, the duo was excited about the new album. According to Pooja, they had a ball during the shoot. "Romantic scenes were a challenge. He would come close with a very serious face and I would burst out laughing," she said.

Ankit is a fun person to be around, she said.

Ankit is trained in classical music, and feels that that part of training has to be kept strong, even when one does get into mainstream music. "Frankly speaking, classical training keeps your base strong but in many cases it's not compulsory. If you haven't learnt classical, you cannot do playback because playback is all about feel."

Buzz off, a girl's gotta have a good time

Singer-actress Selena Gomez appeared to react to her online critics with a laugh. After attending the 2023 Golden Globes, the 'Only Murders in the Building' star apparently received comments from internet users regarding her physical appearance while posing for the cameras at the event.

Wearing a show-stopping Valentino design featuring a velvet column gown with a high-slit and statement puff sleeves with a long train, Gomez, 30, showed up at the Beverly Hills Hotel after being nominated for best performance by an actress in a TV series, comedy or musical for her role of Mabel Mora in the Hulu series, reports People magazine.

Although she did not score a trophy for the category, the singer may have won the internet by seemingly responding to users who left unpleasant comments about her body after pictures and clips of her at the event were shared online.

According to People, in a recorded Instagram Live video reposted via Pop News Daily account on TikTok, Gomez addressed the critics while chatting with her 9-year-old sister, Gracie Elliott Teefey.

"I'm a little bit big right now because I enjoyed myself during the holidays," she told her followers before turning her head to Gracie, asking for her opinion, "Right?"

After Gracie appeared to agree with the singer, Gomez later began to burst into laughter. Earlier this week, Gomez teased her return to Instagram.